**GHHS ENGLISH II RESEARCH STATIONS Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Station 3: Evaluating Sources**

Part I. Read the article entitled “The ‘Undue Weight’ of Truth on Wikipedia.” The article can be found at <http://chronicle.com/article/The-Undue-Weight-of-Truth-on/130704/>. Answer the questions below.

1. What makes the author, Timothy Messer-Kruse, an expert about the Haymarket riot and trial of 1886?
2. What was the Messer-Kruse’s issue with the Wikipedia entry on this topic (in other words, what did he think was misleading about the entry)?
3. What evidence does Messer-Kruse use to refute the assertion that he takes issue with?
4. What did Messer-Kruse do to fix the misleading statement?
5. What happened after Messer-Kruse fixed the article and what was the explanation provided by Wikipedia?
6. What is the difference between truth and verifiability?
7. What is the problem with Wikipedia’s reliance on secondary sources?
8. Do you think the author of this article is reliable? What evidence do you have to support your position?
9. Overall, what caution might you take from this article?

Part II. Watch the adapted Google for Educators PowerPoint “Believe it or Not.” This can be found at <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1gv5vW4jMVh6t7uT92UoZd-x5ovKdpFSlu5Ql9Cc1QOw/present#slide=id.i0> . Complete the following questions/tasks with a partner:

1. How do you determine whether something online is true? What steps should you take? What details should you look for?
2. In your own words, what does it mean for a website to be credible?
3. Google “What is the diameter of the earth?” Check at least five websites and write down the answer provided on each website.
4. What are some possible reasons for the differing results?
5. List 8 tips for determining credibility.
6. Conduct the search as directed and record your responses.
7. Is the site you chose credible? Do you think this was the best possible answer you could find? Why or why not?
8. Google ***NASA fake moon landing***
9. Click on the first legitimate result (not Wikipedia). What is the answer? Is this site credible? Provide specific and detailed information to prove your opinion. Do not just say yes or no because you agree with the answer!
10. Why is name recognition important for proving credibility?
11. Create a challenge for another group. Find an unbelievable story that is true or a believable story that is untrue. Be sure that the validity of the website is related to the credibility of the source. Challenge another group to tell you whether the story is true or untrue based on an evaluation of the website.